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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

H. Lee Martin et al.

Serial No. 08/887,319

Filed: July 2, 1997

For: OMNIVIEW MOTIONLESS
CAMERA ORIENTATION
SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2714

Examiner: G. Burgess

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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants petition for suspension of the Examiner's next action in the above-identified application, namely U.S. Serial No. 08/887,319. A check in the appropriate amount is attached. Applicants authorize the Assistant Commissioner to debit or credit our deposit account number 19-0733 as needed.

Through the accompanying Amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to be fully supported by the disclosure as found in parent patent application, U.S. Serial No. 07/699,366, filed May 13, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,185,667 (hereinafter referred to as the '667 patent). The '667 patent is currently under reissue proceedings as U.S. Application Serial No. 08/662,410, filed July 12, 1996, in order, *inter alia*, to correct the inventorship of the '667 patent from Mr. Steven D.

Zimmermann as sole inventor to Mr. Zimmermann and Dr. H. Lee Martin as joint inventors. As Applicants have amended the claims of the above application (Serial No. 08/887,319) to find complete

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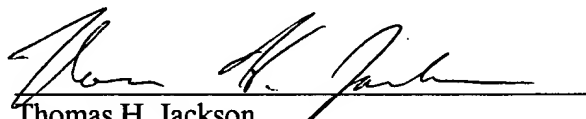
support in the '667 patent, Applicants are in the process of correcting the inventorship of this application to match that of the inventorship of the '667 patent. However, as the reissue of the '667 patent is still pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the inventorship issue as raised in the reissue has not been resolved. Applicants cannot correct the inventorship of the above application to match that of the '667 patent when the reissue is still pending before the PTO as the present application (with the corrected inventorship of Zimmermann and Martin) would still be rejected under § 102(e) over the '667 patent alone as the reissue has not yet issued. Accordingly, Applicants petition for suspension of the above application (Serial No. 08/887,319) for six months in order to await issuance of the '667 reissue application with the corrected inventorship.

Additionally, Applicants wish to thank SPRE J. Dixon for his insight into this matter during a telephone conference on February 26, 1998.

If any questions are raised by this Petition, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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